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SUBJECT: REPORT OF BURDENSARING STUDY GROUP

1. AT PERMREP'S LUNCH OCTOBER 16, UK AMBASSADOR PECK SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD SECTION 2 OF THE BURDENSARING WORKING GROUP'S REPORT HAD BEEN COMPLETED, BUT THAT SECTION 1 WAS NOT YET FINISHED. HE THOUGHT SECTION 2, DEALING WITH SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM, SHOULD NOT COME TO THE COUNCIL BEFORE SECTION 1 SETTING FORTH THE FACTS OF THE PROBLEM, HAD BEEN FINISHED.

2. I SAID I BELIEVED THE GROUP HAD MADE GOOD PROGRESS. WHILE SOME THINGS WITH RESPECT TO SECTION 1 AWAITED FINAL AGREEMENT, NATO HAD ARRIVED AT THE POINT WHERE THE REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL. WHILE THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF ECONOMIC DATA INVOLVED IN THE STUDY GROUP'S WORK AND ITS REPORT, DECISIONS REQUIRE POLITICAL ACTION AT HIGHER LEVELS AND THUS THERE WAS A NEED TO MOVE TOWARD AN INSTRUCTED DISCUSSION ON BURDENSARING.

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3. SOME PERMREPS THOUGHT THE REPORT SHOULD LATER BE "SANITIZED" AND EDITED FOR PUBLICATION. SYG LUNS SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.
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